

Bingley Town Council mailing no. 20

With summer only a short way ahead, it's good to be able to highlight some of the events that will be enlivening our town in the next month. Read on for details of the upcoming Bingley Walking Festival and how you can volunteer as a helper at the Bingley Canal Festival.

We've updates on our forthcoming summer markets, our regular conversations with our local policing team and on the plans for the reprovision of public toilets.

There's a brief report on the Annual Town Meeting, and do pick up a copy of our latest printed newsletter, or view it on our website – the link is given below.

Best wishes,

Ros Dawson
Chair, Bingley Town Council



The 2nd

Bingley WALKING FESTIVAL

Monday 7th May 2018

First walk starts at 10am
All welcome
FREE EVENT

Please see website, Facebook/Twitter or leaflets for more detailed walk information

5 walks inc. a fun Family Walk



www.bingleywalkersarewelcome.org.uk




Bingley Walking Festival

Bingley Walkers are Welcome received funding from the Town Council in 2017 to help publicise their first, highly-successful walking festival, and their second event is now scheduled for Monday 7th May. There will be walks to suit walkers of all abilities, ages and experience that will take in some of our local sights and landmarks. All walks begin from Bingley Market Square and the schedule is as

follows:

10.00 Family walk

11.00 Bingley and Saltaire walk

13.00 Mystery and History walk, and Long Walk

14.00 Micklethwaite walk

More information can be found at www.bingleywalkersarewelcome.org.uk



New Bingley summer markets

Preparations are underway for our new monthly markets! They'll be held over the summer months in the town square, from 9am to 3pm, on the first Saturdays of June, July, August and October. The Town Council is also seeking an alternative venue for a market on the first Saturday of September – any suggestions are welcome.

Many residents want to see a thriving market in Bingley and hopefully the new summer markets will be a step in that direction. Fresh and local produce, crafts

and delicious hot food will all be available with musical accompaniment and free entertainment for children. Any local musical groups which would like to perform are asked to get in touch with Cllr Chris O'Neill.

The Town Council has teamed up with Yorkshire Farmers Markets and the aim is to create a relaxed, laid-back family experience with a variety of stalls, including some of our regular traders, as well offering products and produce not otherwise available in Bingley.

2018 is a pilot and, in the autumn, we'll evaluate the markets' success. Please support the markets. Bingley received a market charter back in the 13th century....we need to keep our tradition going!

Policing issues

Town Councillors hold regular meetings with representatives from the Shipley Neighbourhood Policing team to discuss areas of concern reported by residents.

The most recent meeting, on 4th April, was attended by Bingley's local policing team Sgt. Andy Rollett, PC Cath Gilmore and PC James Surtees. One focus of discussion was the increasing level of antisocial behaviour by school pupils at the Five-Rise Shopping Centre. The Council had written to the head teachers of both Beckfoot and Bingley Grammar Schools to ask what action was being taken to deal with the problem. A discussion at the 24th April full council meeting led to useful contacts being made between representatives of the schools and the Five-Rise Shopping Centre.

There was discussion about action on drug dealing and it was noted that the police are largely reliant on members of the public informing them where deals are taking place. The easiest way for the public to report deals and drug information is via <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it> or by emailing shipleynt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.



Plastic-free Bingley

The Town Council received a presentation from a representative of the newly-formed Plastic-free Bingley campaign at its meeting on 24th April, and has agreed to give the campaign its formal backing.

The group aims to fight plastic pollution that affects Bingley itself and subsequently our rivers and seas as part of the Surfers Against Sewage 'Plastic-free Coastlines' initiative. The council has been asked to lead change and work towards plastic-free status for the town by agreeing to:

- Lead by example to remove single-use plastics items from our premises
- Encourage plastic-free initiatives, promoting the campaign and supporting events
- Appoint a representative of the council to sit on the campaign steering group

The campaign group has an active Facebook page and is already taking steps to persuade local food outlets to reduce the amount of single-use plastic they use, e.g. straws, cups etc and to provide additional recycling facilities in shops.

Other Green and Clean news

Thanks to all 32 people who assembled in Cottingley for our latest litter pick on Saturday 14th April. Various streets and green areas were covered, with various corners of the rec being particular hotspots, and 55 sacks of rubbish were collected.

Our next events are on 16th June, 11th August and 13th October.

Picture below: Cottingley litterpickers raring to go



Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting of the electors of Bingley was held at Bingley Methodist Church from 6.30 to 8 pm on Thursday 26th April. The meeting is convened by the Town Council and is an opportunity for parishioners to have their input into matters that affect Bingley.

Following a brief review of Council activity during the year from the Council's Chair, Cllr Ros Dawson, there were presentations from three invited guests: Chris Slaven, Bradford Council Emergency Planning Department, Dr Jag Picknett, Friends of Bingley Pool, and Jamie Illingworth, Chair of Bingley Chamber of Trade. Questions were then invited from the floor.

The Pool and the Chamber of Trade were amongst the many organisations that had received grants from the Town Council during the year. It was good to see so many representatives of the funded groups at the meeting with displays and information illustrating their activities and how they had used their grant. The

evening was rounded off with some light refreshments and a chance to mingle and view the displays.

Office and public toilets

A meeting of the Town Council's Town Centre and Regeneration Committee on 12th April reviewed the Council's plans for the redevelopment of the toilet site in Jubilee Gardens and proposed several ways to progress the project, following the unexpected offer to the Council in March of the use of part or all of the Magistrates' Court building for community uses.

At the full council meeting on 24th April, it became clear that the Magistrates' Court would not after all become available. The meeting discussed the request by local campaigners for a reasonable adjustment to the plans for the development of the toilet site to include a Changing Places (CP) facility and agreed that its response would include the recommendation that a CP facility instead be installed in Bingley Pool. This would involve converting one of the disabled changing rooms in a dry area at the pool. The plan has the go-head from Bradford Council which owns and runs the pool although any equipment and works, estimated by Bradford Council at £11,000, would have to be met by the Town Council. An alternative might be to purchase a mobile Changing Places kit (for example <https://www.migloo.co.uk/naked>) that could be used in the dry area changing room but moved as needed. The Pool offers longer opening hours than the Council offices and will provide support staff and training and cover ongoing costs.

Although Bradford Council has indicated its plans to shut Bingley Pool, there is no fixed date for closure and, in the meantime, the Friends of Bingley Pool are also pursuing and are optimistic about a Community Asset Transfer of the pool itself to retain the amenity.

Given the investment required and the resource implications, the Town Council would like to ascertain if the plan to install a Changing Places facility at Bingley Swimming Pool – either permanently or by using mobile equipment – has the support of those most likely to benefit from it. Any feedback or requests for more information should be emailed to: enquiries@bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk

The Town Council will draft a written response to the request for a reasonable adjustment, and it is hoped that a response from a legal advisor will be available at the next full council meeting.



Serving Bingley, Cottingley, Crossflatts,
Eldwick, Gilstead and Micklethwaite

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New Bingley Summer Markets – dates for your diary



Plants & flowers for sale at Bingley market

Please support and enjoy our five new monthly markets! They'll be held over the summer months in the town square.

Fresh and local produce, artisan crafts and delicious hot food will all be available with musical accompaniment and free entertainment for children.

The aim is to create a relaxed, laid-back family experience with a variety of stalls, including our regular traders, as well as offering products and produce not otherwise available in Bingley.

The markets will be held on the first Saturdays of June, July, August, September and possibly October (June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1 and October 6). Many residents have told the Town Council they want a regular market - so we're responding. 2018 is a pilot and, in the autumn, we'll evaluate the markets' success.

Bingley Walking Festival

Bingley Town Council run a grant scheme to support local community organisations. Bingley Walkers are Welcome applied to the grant scheme in February 2017 for a grant of £500 towards advertising their first walking festival in May 2017. Bingley Town Council issued the grant in line with the scheme and the event was a huge success.

Bingley Walkers are Welcome are holding the 2nd walking festival in Bingley on Monday 7th May 2018 and it promises to be even bigger and better than last year. There will be walks to suit walkers of all abilities, ages and experience, taking in some of the district's most stunning sights and landmarks.

The festival starts at 10.00am with the Family Walk setting off first. The Bingley & Saltaire Walk sets off at 11.00am, the Mystery and History Walk and the Long Walk both leave at 1.00pm, and the Micklethwaite



Walking Festival flyer

Walk sets off at 2.00pm. All walks will meet and leave from Bingley Market Square.

This is a free event but donations are welcomed in order to support future events.

For more information, go to www.bingleywalkersarewelcome.org.uk

Annual Town Meeting - everyone welcome

This year's Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 26th 2018 at Bingley Methodist Church Hall, Herbert Street BD14 4NU from 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. All are welcome. Community groups which have benefited from grant awards in 2017-18 will be there to give feedback on how the grants have been used.

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The Spring 2018 newsletter is out!

A new edition of the Town Council's newsletter has just been published and is being distributed to various locations around the parish, including the library, GP surgeries, post offices and a range of local businesses. You can also view the newsletter at this link: <http://bingleytowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/BTC-NL-spring-final-low-res.pdf>

Town Council by-election Crow Nest Ward

An election in respect of the vacancy in Crow Nest ward following the resignation of Michelle Chapman will be held on 3rd May.

The candidates are:

Dale Barton, Liberal Democrats

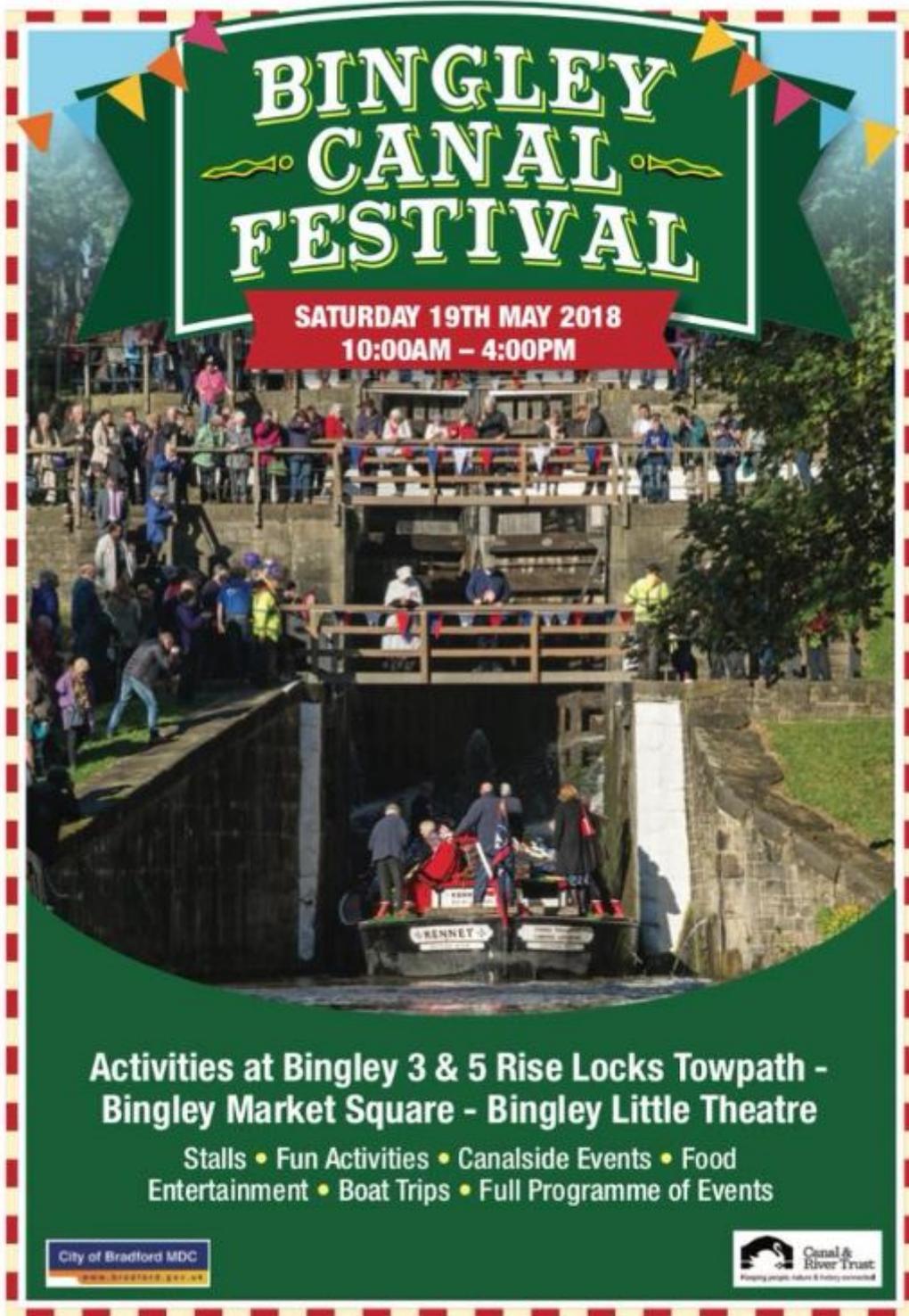
John Brazendale, Labour Party

Bingley Canal Festival

The second Bingley Canal Festival takes place on Saturday 19th May. If you haven't got a ticket for the FA Cup Final or an invitation to the royal wedding, don't despair: you'll find plenty to entertain you locally!

The event starts at 10.00 when the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Society's floating museum *Kennet* descends the Five-Rise Locks; it will then be open to the public at the top of the Three-Rise flight. Alongside the *Kennet* will be the CRT Explorers, Lion Learners, Canoe Trail and free boat trips, and Bingley Walkers and Welcome will be leading Sir Fred Hoyle walks at 10.00 and 11.30. There will be refreshments and entertainments (bouncy slides, trampolines, rides, singing from the All Together Now choir) and a range of stalls in Bingley Arts Centre, in the market square and on the canal towpath, with the day closing at 16.00.

See further details on the Bingley Canal Festival 2018 Facebook page. Volunteer helpers and marshals are needed on the day. If you can help, please contact Marcia Churley at Bradford Council's Shipley Area Office – marcia.churley@bradford.gov.uk / 01274 437146.



Dates for your diary:

Bingley Walking Festival, Monday 7th May

Bingley Canal Festival, Saturday 19th May

The next meeting of the Town Council is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 29 May at St Aidan's, Crossflatts. This will be preceded at 6pm by the Council's Annual General Meeting.

You can see all our meeting dates in the calendar of the Events section of our website, and a full listing is available as a separate document, updated weekly, in the Documents section of the site.



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With best wishes,

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